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Dear Paul:

Thanks for your last letter and the copy of your article. I have been under a great deal of pressure lately, both personal and professional-educational, and cannot do a critique of it right now. I have read it once and found what I feel are some methodological flaws in terms of the theory-testing model used. Quite by circumstance I have been interested in similar theory testing models and have been doing a bit of thinking about them in the past several years. Often a well-run experiment contributes little to the state of knowledge in an area due to the theory-testing model used. In any event, as soon as the pressure lightens (i.e. we finally have another psychologist coming to the clinic as of this coming Tuesday so I won't have to do all the work, and I have a journal article due on Sept. 10) I will do a reasonably lengthy memo on your article.

I feel that it is very important that neither this article nor any abstraction from it be published until you have a chance to sift through both my comments and those of the other critics to whom you sent this. (To who did you send it?--I would like others to see my comments and would like to hear theirs, but wouldn't want to send any carbons to those who haven't seen the original.) Out here we usually spend months collecting critical comments on any papers we plan to publish. Even our top minds find that sometimes graduate students and other faculty find fatal flaws in papers, or even help them strengthen their original thesis. I would not like to see the effects of your obviously hard work on this project be dulled by a less than adequate article, nor would it be good to find others writing critical letters or replies to your article when changes could have been made before publication to either further enhance it or discuss possible criticisms in the body of the paper#.

Well, I'd better close now. Take it easy.

*Harry*

cc:Harold